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SERINE PROTEASES, THE ENCODED PROTEINS AND METHODS  
BASED THEREON**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed April 21, 2006, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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